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Noted writer, neurologist Oliver Sacks recalls DPN; urges students to find their path

Kendall Green on May 13, 2005, was far different than Dr. Oliver Sacks remembered it on his last visit to the Gallaudet campus in March of 1988. Surrounded by members of the Class of 2005, flush with the anticipation of receiving their degrees at the University's 136th Commencement, the scene posed a marked contrast to the emotionally charged atmosphere of the Deaf President Now protest, when Sacks was on campus doing research for his best-selling book, *Seeing Voices*, a history of the United States' deaf community.

The Class of '05 was made up of 174 undergraduates and 153 graduates—including 19 Ph.D.'s.

Sacks, who presented the Commencement address, said that he could see "in sort of double-vision," the Gallaudet of 17 years ago—horns from passing cars blaring in support of the protesters, and the march to the U.S. Capitol: "The only time in my life I've ever marched!" he said. When he was asked almost 20 years ago to review Harlan Lane's book, *When the Mind Hears*, Sacks said he was unaware of the deaf community—its language and culture, and its struggle to establish an identity. Today, said Sacks, deaf people are less isolated and more in the mainstream "for better or worse." ASL courses are popular nationwide, and technology has helped bridge the communication gap, but he lamented the demise of deaf clubs and reduced enrollment at deaf schools for the "loss of intimacy, too."

Sacks' insight into the deaf community is but one of many studies that have made him popular as a writer and a neurologist. In his introduction of Sacks, Dr. Glenn Anderson, chair of the Board of Trustees, called him "easily one of the most creative and global thinkers of our time. When he tackles a subject, he looks at it from many different perspectives so that what is highly scientific and medical is also presented in a human and cultural light."

Sacks recalled to the graduates the complexity of his own feelings on graduating from college in the 1950s—the sense of security of living in "a rather privileged period," surrounded by friends and professors he had close relationships with, and even the familiar buildings he had grown to love. Then the time came to enter the world, find a job, accept responsibility. "It was frightening, but exciting, too. One would be free to experience the adventure and challenges of life," he said. "In finding your path you will find yourselves. Good luck."

Sacks, who is a clinical professor of neurology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, and Dr. Oscar Cohen, a champion for the rights of

deaf students from diverse backgrounds, received honorary doctorate of laws degrees from the University. Dr. Gerald "Bummy" Burstein received the DPN Leadership Award.

Sacks' citation, read by Dr. Angela Jorge-Quinones, who is stepping down as a member of the Board of Trustees, recognized him "for his many and remarkable contributions to the understanding of the human condition, especially the experience of deaf people."

Cohen's citation was read by Board of Trustees member Ken Levinson. Cohen was recognized "for his passionate advocacy on behalf of deaf students, especially those from racially, linguistically, and culturally diverse backgrounds. Cohen's career included serving as superintendent/CEO of the Lexington School for the Deaf/Center for the Deaf, Jackson Heights, N.Y., state president of the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf, chair of the association of New York's 11 schools for children who are deaf, blind, or physically disabled, as well as holding an active membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In all aspects of his life, Cohen "has worked tirelessly to direct the attention of the nation's educators to these students' needs and developed strategies aimed at making deaf education more inclusive," said Levinson.

Burstein joins Greg Hlibok, the Student Body Government President during DPN, and the Hon. David E. Bonior (D-Mich.), former congressional trustee, as a recipient of the DPN Leadership Award, which recognizes individuals who have worked successfully in support of the rights of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Burstein is noted for his long-term involvement in support of the University and the deaf community. He received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Gallaudet in 1986 and the Alice Cogwell Award for valuable service on behalf of deaf people from the Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) in 1992. Burstein has supported Gallaudet as a tireless member and four-term president of the GUAA, and he helped the University establish the Bummy Burstein Endowed Leadership Fund, which provides significant support to the Gallaudet Leadership Institute. The author of *Bummy's Basic Parliamentary Guide*, Burstein is the first deaf person to become a certified professional parliamentarian.

President Jordan remarked that the Class of '05 has witnessed significant change on campus: its members have seen the opening of the Student Academic Center and participated in the Campus Climate Process and Academic Affairs plan-

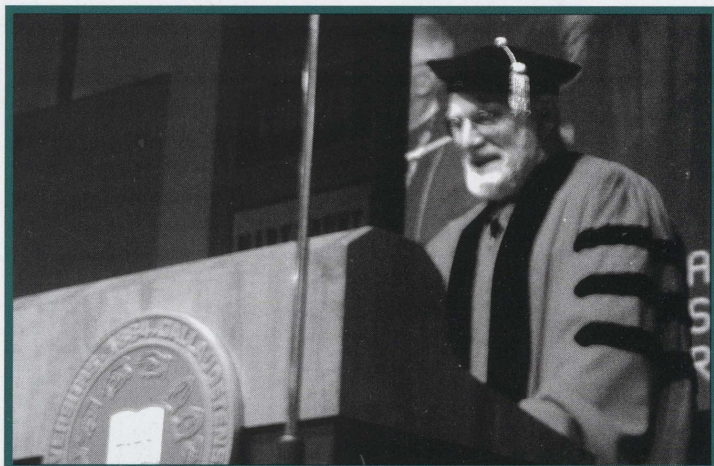
ning. The class has availed itself to technological innovations that were dreams to the previous generation of graduates: Video Relay Service, sharing ideas with students across the nation and around the world through classes offered by video conferencing, and accessing library books electronically, for example.

"If all these changes are what you have experienced already, imagine the limitless possibilities of the future that lie ahead for you. You are the leaders of tomorrow," said Dr. Jordan. "What will you

do?" he asked. "I trust that whatever it is, it will be amazing."

Ryan Zarembka, who represented the undergraduate students in the Class of '05, talked about the many transitions in life that he and his classmates have experienced as University students. "Gallaudet gave us the opportunity to make independent decisions, demonstrate our individuality, learn more about ourselves, and choose the lives we want," he said. Comparing

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Dr. Oliver Sacks, renowned author and neurologist, presents the Commencement address.

Photo by Yiming Lin

Board approves University strategic goals

Gallaudet's Board of Trustees unanimously approved on May 13 strategic goals to guide the University's planning efforts.

The board's action came following a presentation by President Jordan at a community meeting on the process that lead to setting the eight goals.

While A-RAP (Action-Results, Assessment, and Planning), the University's most recent planning effort, has served the campus community well since it was established in the early 1990s, initiatives such as the Campus Climate process, New Directions for Academic Affairs, and the Diversity Fellows' two recent strategic goals related to campus diversity have created a new vision for Gallaudet. As Dr. Jordan explained it, "strategic planning is an evolving process; it's not something you do, finish, and put on the shelf." The new goals, said Jordan, will help ensure that Gallaudet's vision for the future is achieved by mapping out initiatives, objectives, actions, and assessments.


After the board approved the strategic goals, Jordan issued his assurance that the trustees would receive regular updates on the progress that is being made to achieve each initiative.

In other actions taken by the board:

- Resolutions were approved honoring the contributions of two retiring board members, Dr. Angela Jorge-Quinones and Dr. Vinton Cerf. Quinones, a trustee since 1995, was a member of the Academic Affairs; Audit; National Deaf Education; and

Student Affairs committees.

Cerf, a trustee since 1997, served on the Academic Affairs; Compensation, Financial, and Institutional Affairs; and Trustees committees.

- The following financial measures were approved, as recommended by the University Budget Committee:
 - a total operating budget of \$148,900,000 for fiscal year (FY) 2006;
 - a general pay increase of 0 to 3 percent for FY 2006, depending on the federal appropriation Gallaudet receives (the University is requesting \$110,000,000 from Congress);
 - a tuition and fee increase of 3 percent for FY 2007; and
 - a request for \$115,000,000 in federal funds for FY 2007.
- Tenure was approved for the following faculty members: Derek Braun (Biology), Jane Fernandes (ASL and Deaf Studies), Kristen Harmon (English), Christopher Heuer (English), Mohammed Obiedat (Mathematics and Computer Science), and Tania Thomas-Presswood (Psychology).
- The appointment of KPMG as the University auditor was approved.
- The appointment of Gary Labovich, a lead partner in the Systems Natural Team for Booz Allen Hamilton, to the Board of Associates was approved. 

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CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

MSSD students compete in robot-building competition



MSSD students Mike Jargalsaikhan (left) a sophomore, and Ando Ferguson, a freshman, display the robots they built for the Botball competition.

By Susan M. Flanigan

MSSD students Mike Jargalsaikhan and Ando Ferguson placed 12th out of 51 teams from 45 middle and high schools in the 2005 Greater D.C. Botball Robotics Tournament, held May 7 at the University of Maryland.

Botball (the name is derived from 'robot' and 'ball') is a hands-on learning experience that challenges students to make use of practical applications in science and math. Botball's educational goals include technology awareness, engineering, C programming—one of the most popular computer languages used in science and business, Internet research, design skills, and creativity.

Each competing team receives a kit containing the same LEGO parts to build a robot, said MSSD science teacher Mark Tao. "The MSSD students did an excellent job this year," said Tao. "Mike is a serious player who picks up materials and learns them quickly. Ando built his robot in just two weeks. Ever since he was a child, he has enjoyed building with LEGOS. They both thoroughly enjoyed this exciting

tournament."

The robots use no remote control. Instead, students learn C programming language to get the robots to perform tasks. A big part of the challenge is anticipating what the robot will encounter on the playing field—a 4 x 8-foot table—and building strategies into the program that will lead to a winning response.

Dr. David Snyder, a professor in the University's Chemistry and Physics Department, developed activities with Tao that gave students the background skills they needed for the tournament. Students also got support from Dr. David Sullivan, an engineer at NASA. Although students design and program the robots themselves, adult mentors act as a resource and provide troubleshooting.

Botball is an educational outreach program presented by KISS Institute for Practical Robotics. MSSD's Botball team received funding from the NASA District of the Columbia Space Grant Consortium. "We are very grateful for their support," said Tao.

For further information about Botball, visit www.botball.org. 



The commitment of an important group of Gallaudet supporters continues to make the dream of a college education a reality for a growing number of individuals from the global deaf community. These special people were recognized for their time and financial assistance at this year's Friends of Gallaudet reception, held May 11 on the House One lawn. On hand to thank the friends for the time and financial assistance they have given to make it possible for international students—which this year represented 48 countries—to receive the benefits of a Gallaudet education, were President Jordan, Linda Jordan, Board of Trustees Chair Glenn Anderson, Board of Associates Chair John Yeh, and Nickson Kakiri, from Kenya, a member of the Class of '05 and the 2003 recipient of the World Deaf Leadership Scholar Fund. Pictured (from left) are: standing—Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS) Director 'Bunmi Aina, students Japhet Mayo (Botswana), Sylvain Angouono (Gabon), Mary Dakim (Nigeria), Kaneng Kwandi (Nigeria), Wafu Ndetatsin (Cameroon), Asami Makino (Japan), Bilal Chinoy (India), Jiayi Zhou (China), Program Evaluation Specialist for Exemplary Programs and Research Patrick Atuonah, Mrs. Jordan, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Jordan, Yeh; kneeling—students Withayoot Bunnag (Thailand), Kakiri, Fernando Ayala Ruiz (Chile), OIPS Global Education Program Specialist Lawrence Musa, and student Hoon Jeong (South Korea).

PERSONNEL NOTES

Service Awards for April

Five years:

Lenroy Reid, small equipment repair Mechanic, Custodial Services; **Ronald Cheek**, groundskeeper/trash removal, Grounds Services; **Tramell Henson**, administrative secretary II, Center for Academic Programs

Ten years:

Marybel Balan, registered nurse, Student Health Services

Fifteen years:

Paul Starke, supervisor, Public Safety

Twenty years:

Patricia Tesar, coordinator, Office for Students with Disabilities/project director, Tutorial Center; **Connie Allen**, coordinator, Administrative Services, Administration and Finance

Twenty-five years:

Kevin Cole, research applications programmer, Technology and Information Services

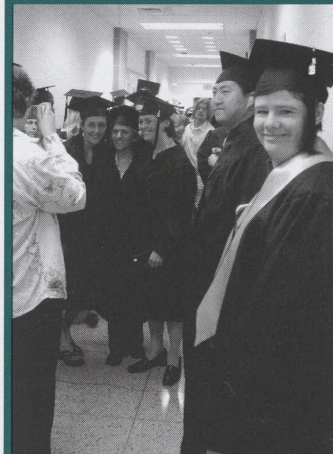
New employees hired in April

Earl Allen, public safety officer, Department of Public Safety; **Tricia Alleyne**, staff residential assistant, Residence Life; **Maria Balbuena**, custodian, Custodial Services; **Melissa Clark**, audiologist, Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences; **Patrick Cole**, executive secretary, President's Office; **Michelle Dunston**, executive secretary, President's Office; **Naja Frelich**, interpreter I, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Maximiliano Hernandez**, custodian/floor maintenance, Custodial Services; **Branic Keltz**, staff residential assistant, Residence Life; **Robert Loeffler**, interpreter I, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Maria Mintes**, residential night assistant, Residence Education; **James Parker**, residential night assistant, Residence Education; **Diane Souder**, executive secretary, President's Office

Promotions in April

Renee Smith, administrative secretary I, ASL and Deaf Studies; **Leverne Morant**, groundskeeper/trash removal, Grounds Services

COMMENCEMENT 2005



Commencement—and all the excitement that the day entails—began when students met in the hallways of the Hall Memorial Building to put on their caps and gowns, pose for photos, and line up for the procession to the Field House.

Photo by Yiming Lin

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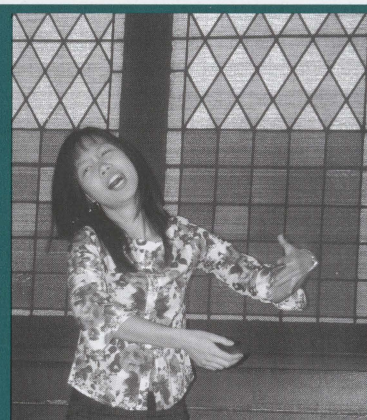
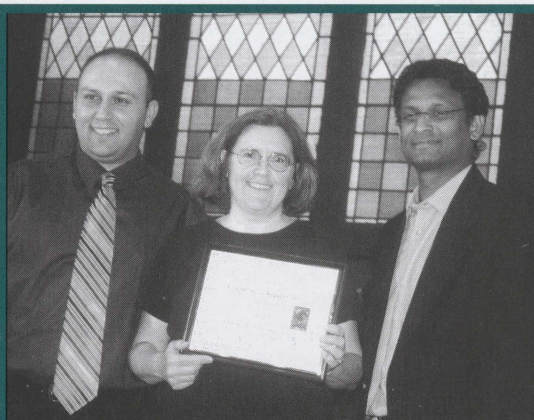
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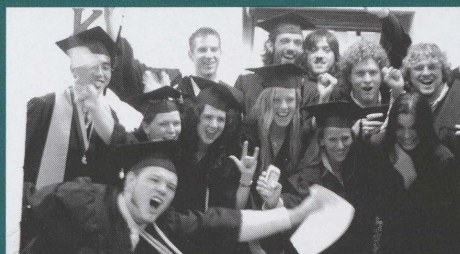
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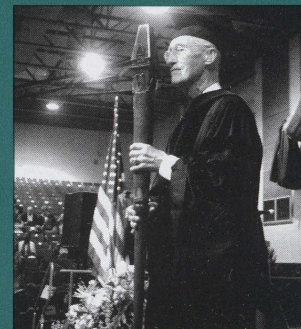
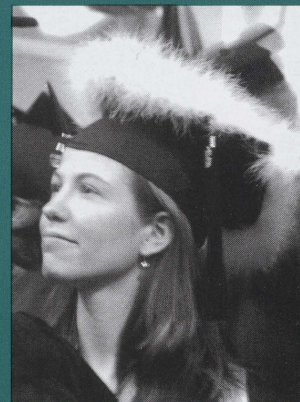
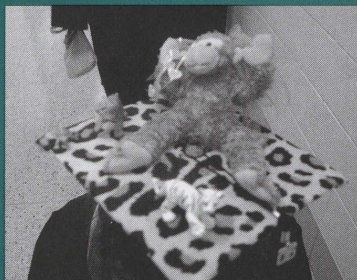
The Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS) held an end of the semester awards ceremony in "Ole Jim" on May 6. Among the individuals recognized were (left) ELI teachers Timothy Anderson (right) and Alexander Quaynor, who were named teachers of the year by the English Language Institute Students Organization (ELISO), and (center) Susan Ganz, OIPS administrative secretary—pictured with ceremony emcees Ali Sanjabi, teacher assistant/counselor (left), and Tissa Peiris, teacher—who received a certificate of appreciation from ELISO for her efforts to make the organization successful. The afternoon also featured poetry and storytelling by ELI students and faculty, including Sawalin Sawangruengsri (right), from Thailand, who presented a moving account of being accepted as an ELI student and how the experience changed her life.

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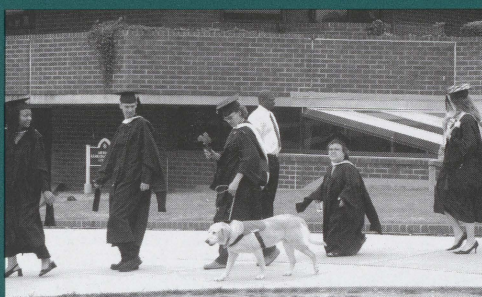


Graduating members of the Kappa Gamma fraternity and the Phi Kappa Zeta sorority strike a gleeful pose one last time.

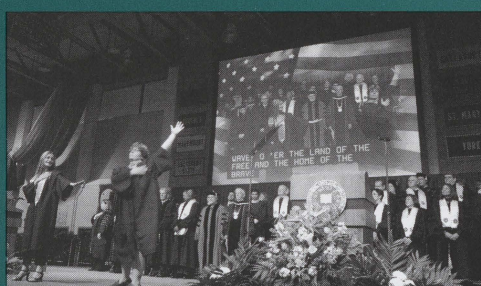
Lois Moreland's and Tawny Holmes' elaborately decorated mortarboards stand out in a sea of caps and gowns. Unsatisfied with the typical decorations of words scripted in masking tape, Moreland adorns her cap with leopard-print material and a monkey stuffed-animal toy, while Holmes chose a feathery boa.



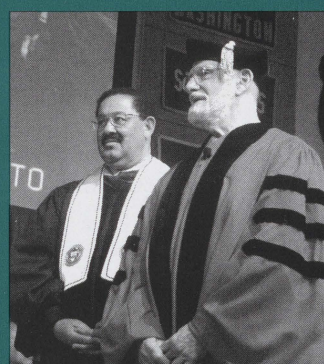
Dr. Edward Beasley carries the mace in his role as the faculty marshal. He has 45 years of teaching at the University to date, and has been serving in this capacity since 1992.



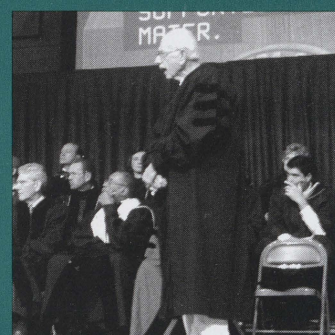
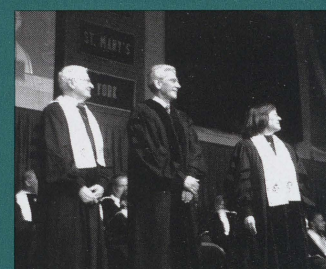
Graduates march in the procession from HMB to the Field House.



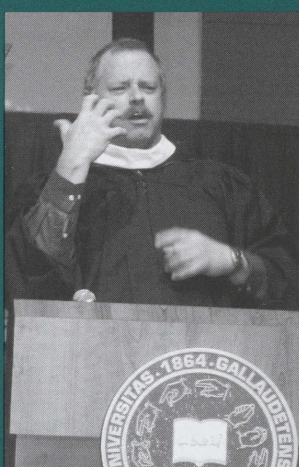
The National Anthem was performed in sign language by graduates Jennifer Ferrer (left), who earned her bachelor's degree in communication studies, and Hollie Fallstone (right), who received her master's degree in administration and supervision.



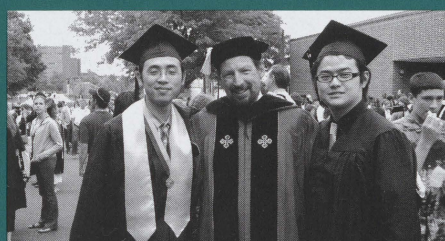
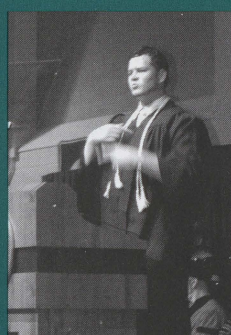
Clockwise from above: Dr. Oliver Sacks (right), joined by Board of Trustees member Frank Ross, was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree; Dr. Oscar Cohen (center), joined by Board of Trustees member emeritus (and current board member at the Lexington School for the Deaf/Center for the Deaf) Philip Bravin and Board of Trustees member Pamela Holmes, was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree; Dr. Gerald "Bummy" Burstein was awarded the DPN Leadership Award.



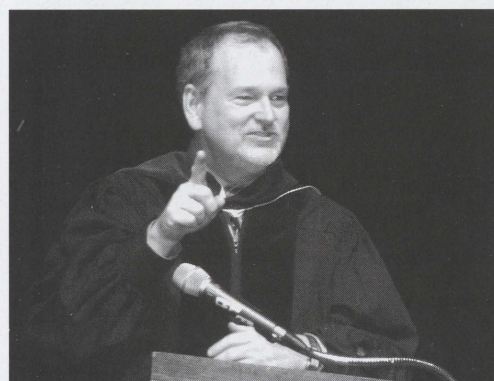
After the ceremonies were over, the celebration continued with a reception in the Student Union Building. New alumni Fan Zhang (left) and Sheng Li (right) grab the opportunity to have their picture taken with Dr. Richard Lytle, a professor in the Department of Education.



Commencement speakers included (left) Andrew Lange, president of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association, (center) Ryan Zarembka, the undergraduate student speaker, who received his bachelor's degree in communication studies, and (right) Melissa Flores, the graduate student speaker, who earned her master's degree in family centered early education.



Humphries urges graduates to imagine the 'new' or the 'possible' at Hooding and Awards Ceremony



Dr. Tom Humphries challenges graduates to go forth and create positive changes in his address at the 136th Graduate Hooding and Awards Ceremony.

Dr. Tom Humphries, a new member of the Board of Trustees and a noted researcher on the language and culture of deaf people, urged graduates at the 136th Graduate Hooding and Awards Ceremony on May 12 to imagine the "new" or the "possible" that will create positive change in the world.

1972, when he received his master's degree from Gallaudet (he also earned his undergraduate degree from Gallaudet in 1968) it was "a different world." For example, at Gallaudet there was no deaf president, few deaf faculty, and to the world in general, interpreting was only emerging as a profession. "All

Humphries was a college student during a time of great social upheaval—protests over the Vietnam War and the need for reform in civil rights and women's rights, to name a few. As a result he was part of a generation motivated to make the world a better, more enlightened place. Humphries recalled that in

of the things that we didn't like [about] the way things were engaged our spirit and energy and drew us to action. I caught that spirit," he said.

The "new" that inspired Humphries in 1972 was to inform the world about the rich culture and language of the deaf community. He has done so through his work as an associate professor and associate director of the Teacher Education Program and an associate professor in the Department of Communication at the University of California, San Diego, and through his writing. Humphries' books, co-written with his wife, Dr. Carol Padden, a former Gallaudet trustee and professor at the University of California, San Diego, include two books on American Sign Language instruction (one written with the late T.J. O'Rourke) and two on deaf culture.

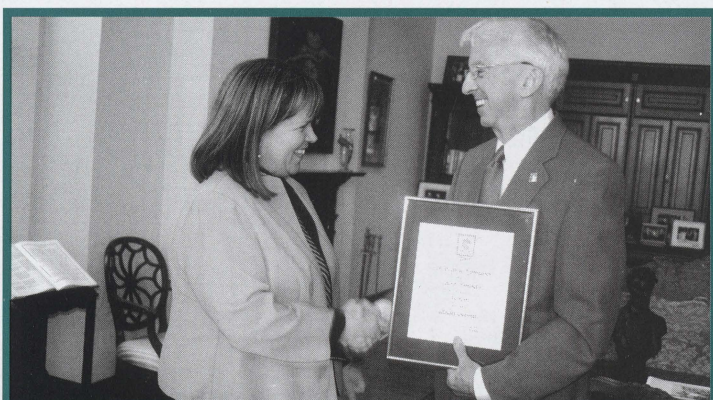
Humphries challenged the graduates to leave Gallaudet and seek

the new that will engage the spirit, and to make changes that previous generations have experienced. "What do you see as possible in the world you can create that's new?" he asked. "Making a better world for all of us will bring you a level of pleasure and satisfaction you never thought possible."

The following is a list of awards presented at the Graduate Hooding and Awards Ceremony:

- Marjorie Stull—Holly McFarland;
- Daniel T. Cloud—Michelle Banyai, Melissa Flores;
- Helen Fay—Bobbie Jo Kite;
- Philip J. Schmitt—Jennifer VanDerMolen;
- Francine White Outstanding Student—Daniel Girard;
- Marty Minter Leisure Service Award—Carolyn Fisher;
- Seltzer League Award—Cara Adornetto, Karen Higgins;
- Interpretation Research Award—Amy Roach, Folami Ford;
- Outstanding Linguistics Students—David Warn;
- Ron Coffey—Kari Bahl;

- Elizabeth Peet Award—Amanda Breitfield, Emily Aschenbrenner, Meiko Mori;
- Larry G. Stewart—Lauren Esposito;
- Thomas and Julia Burg Mayes Award—Dr. Carolyn McCaskill;
- Thomas J. Landers Award—Jamie Yost;
- George Veditz Deaf Studies Award—Emily Steinberg;
- G. Arlene Gavin Award—Katharine McHugh;
- Catherine M. Moses—Tammy Ennis;
- Outstanding Writing Research—Courtney Oliszewski, Amy Roach;
- Outstanding Student Achievement—Caroline Pezzarossi, Christine Corl;
- Outstanding External Collaboration—Elizabeth Wendt;
- Outstanding Faculty Member—Dr. Virginia Gutman;
- Special Service Award—Graduate Student Association, Dr. Irene Leigh



President Jordan congratulates Provost Jane Fernandes for 10 years of service to Gallaudet.




Administration & Finance

Distribution Center

The Distribution Center? Maybe you still call it Central Receiving, although the name changed about four years ago. Whatever you call it, there are changes happening there that we want to bring everyone up to date on.

- George Debrah, manager of the Distribution Center and a long-time Gallaudet employee, has retired. He is taking some time to travel and visit family in Europe. We wish him good health and a happy retirement.
- George Gateau is now the manager of Systems and Operations, which includes supervision of the Distribution Center. Most recently, he was the supervisor for Access Control, housed within the Department of Public Safety.
- Patricia Parker, formerly the requisition clerk for the Distribution Center, is now the storeroom supervisor. She is now responsible for making purchases for the Physical Plant Department.

In an effort to serve the campus community better, especially during busy times like graduation and the start of a new semester, the Distribution Center has created an electronic request form for event and/or meeting set-ups. This form gives the Distribution Center more details regarding the set-up, thus making the whole process more efficient. The set-up request form is DIFFERENT from the small moves request form that is also on the Distribution Center's web page. Both forms can be accessed via the quick link at: af.gallaudet.edu/distribution.


The Distribution Center can handle small moves for campus departments. When a request is placed for assistance with a departmental move, the Distribution Center will review the request and advise if it is something they can handle, or if professional movers are required. For questions concerning a departmental move or event set-up, contact Tom Murray, storeroom helper, at X5170, or e-mail facilities.office@gallaudet.edu. The next time the assistance of the movers is needed, use the electronic form. We think you'll like it. 

Commencement

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their years at Gallaudet to a challenging hike along a mountain trail, Zarembka said that the obstacles they encountered and overcame helped them evolve into better people. "As we each leave this mountain to climb the next one, we take the first step filled with the pride and confidence that Gallaudet has bestowed on us," he said.

Melissa Flores, the graduate student representative, spoke of Commencement as a milestone along the path to a life in which learning never ceases. Flores recalled an experience that impressed her when she led a second grade class following an internship at a residential school. During her second week of teaching, one of her students said, "If you ever stop learning, you aren't really living." "I was struck by the profundity of this 7-year-old," said Flores. "He clearly understood that to be fully alive and to enjoy life you must be a lifelong learner." She asked of her classmates to "seek the joy in always learning. ... Your lifelong learning starts today!"

The following individuals were also honored at commencement: Dr. Shirley Myers, professor of English and director of the Honors Program, was selected as the 2005 Distinguished Faculty Member; Dr. Nancy Kensicki, who retired last August after a 37-year career—10 years as chair of the English Department—was named professor emerita; and Dr. Sharon Barnartt, a professor in the Department of Sociology, received the Schaefer Professorship, which recognizes a distinguished scholar/researcher. 



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

I know you don't approve of "office romances," but they do happen and there's no use pretending they don't. If handled appropriately and professionally, and the two people involved are mature in the way they behave while on the job, I don't think their relationship is anyone else's business. No harm, no foul—that's what I say.

My Two Cents

Dear Two,

Why in the name of "lookin' for love in all the wrong places" did you write me? Clearly you do not seek my potent advice on this matter; you seem to have sorted it out to your satisfaction. If your intention is to press Aunty into publicly reversing her thinking on the general unsuitability of amorous high

jinks between co-workers, it has failed. She has seen too many "9 to 5 relationships" crash and burn, leaving hurt hearts, frayed nerves, and bad feelings all around. That occasionally one of these involvements proves successful doesn't warrant the high level of risk associated with them—not just to the two office love birds, but their families and co-workers as well. Office friendships are a joy to be prized, whereas romantic office entanglements should be avoided like the Bubonic plague.

Suggestions for boosting the spirit of fun at work

Here's a different twist: "A few people in my department volunteered at a local shelter a few times during the winter months. This probably doesn't sound like a lot of fun, but it was. We would spend a few hours at the shelter—doing good and having fun at the same time. We got to know each other a lot better and I think our shared experience outside of work helps us do our jobs better."



Provost Jane Fernandes recognizes Student Affairs Dean Carl Pramuk for 20 years of service to the University.



Ukrainian sign language interpreter Natalia Dmytruk holds up a Gallaudet T-shirt presented to her following her May 1 talk to the campus about her announcement to the Ukrainian deaf community last November that the official election results of the country's presidential election were false—an action that was reported by international media. Dmytruk, who interprets for Ukraine's government-operated television network, signed during a broadcast that reports of Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's victory at the polls were lies. Her act led to widespread protests resulting in a new vote where opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko emerged as the winner. Dmytruk's actions led her to be named one of four Ukrainian women to receive a Fern Holland Award on April 26 in Washington, D.C., during the Vital Voices Global Partnership's fifth annual ceremony. The award honors women from around the world who have made a difference. She took advantage of her trip to Washington to fulfill a lifelong dream—a visit to Gallaudet. When asked by a member of the audience about the ethics of including information in her interpreting that was not given, Dmytruk replied, "I can't give the advice to do it, ... I hope [a similar] situation never arises again." Arrangements for her visit were made possible by Deirdre McGlynn, e-learning facilitator for Academic Technology, and Sherry Hicks, Gallaudet Interpreting Service (GIS) interpreter, with support from the Honors Program and GIS. (Pictured with Dmytruk are Ukrainian-English interpreter Oksana Horbunov, who also received a Holland Award, and GIS interpreter Jamie Yost.)

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It's summertime! Time to plan vacations. Where is a great place to go?



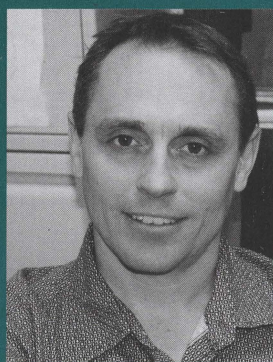
Patsy Bowman, assistant director for annual giving, Office of Development

Take a cruise. You don't have to cook, clean, wash dishes, or make your bed. You can go to many different places all for the same price.



Stephanie Walden, administrative secretary II, Academic Advising

Definitely Hawaii. It is the closest thing to heaven. It's expensive but it is so nice.



Dr. H-Dirksen Bauman, professor, Department of ASL and Deaf Studies

This summer I'll be teaching in Paris. I'll be visiting south France because of the sun, wine, and the cheese. If you can't go to France then visit Colorado because of the sun and mountains.